THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per intelligence reports, the terrorists had plans to assassinate Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and abduct Cricketers Sachin Tendulkar and Saurav Ganguly.

(c) The security arrangements in respect of the threatened persons have been reviewed and the concerned State Governments have been advised to strengthen the security arrangements and appropriately sensitize the security personnel deployed for their security.

Benefits of dual citizenship

673. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the countries where dual citizens would be applicable;

(b) the benefits likely to accrue to such NRIs; and

(c) when would it be implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) The Government has not decided to grant dual citizenship.

Proposal for New Prison Act

674. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI NAGENDRA NATH OJHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering a proposal to bring a new Prison Act replacing Century Old Indian Prison Act, 1894; and

(b) if so, the details and by when it is likely to be enacted?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) 'Prisons' is a State subject as per entry 4 of List II (State List), of the Seventh Schedule of the Constitution of India. According to article 246 (3), Legislature of any State has exclusive power to make laws for such State or any part thereof with respect to any of the matters